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## **ELECTION**

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This communication is in response to the Office Action of January 5, 2007 ("Office Action"). Invention II, defined as claims 34-42, is elected without traverse.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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